

REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner required a restriction between the composition claims and the method of making a molded article claims; and required that the claims previously submitted in the Preliminary Amendment comply with the requirements of Rule 1.121(c) setting forth the claims as a "Listing of Claims."

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement requiring a restriction between Group I claims drawn to a composition and consisting of Claims 1,2, 12-19, and 21-41; and Group II claims drawn to a method of making a molded article and consisting of Claim 20, Applicant elects the claims of Group I. Namely, Applicant elects Claims 1,2, 12-19, and 21-41 to prosecute in this application. However, Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claim, Claim 20, which claim has been canceled herein without prejudice.

Response to Requirement for New Amendment

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the amendment to the claims submitted in the previous Preliminary Amendment was not in accordance with the requirements of Rule 1.121. In view of the amendment submitted herein in response to the restriction requirement, it is submitted that the present amendment is fully in compliance with the requirements of Rule 1.121 and thus also satisfies the requirement made in the outstanding Office Action for a new amendment.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the presently claimed subject matter is in condition to be substantively examined, and accordingly such action is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any remaining questions or comments.

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